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The Chinese Government is laying the foundations of an atomic research institute at Atush in the southern part of Sinkiang. Atush was founded in 1951 by the Uighur and Kirghiz groups, most of whom have since been evacuated. The town is in a very isolated situation on the edge of the Taklamakan desert and has connections only with Kashagar and Tihua, and even these very difficult. Polish, Hungarian and Czechoslovak experts have been invited to work at Atush under favorable conditions, but must accept an engagement not to leave the place for five years.

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